



Town of Randolph

Town Hall
41 South Main Street
Randolph, MA 02368

Meeting Minutes - Final

Town Council

Monday, September 13, 2021

6:00 PM

Internet Zoom

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Call to Order - Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor W. Alexopoulos called the meeting to order. Councilor Clifton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: 9 - James F. Burgess Jr., Katrina Huff-Larmond, Kenrick W. Clifton, Natacha Clerger, Richard Brewer, Ryan Egan, William Alexopoulos, Christos Alexopoulos and Jesse Gordon

Moment of Silent Prayer

A moment of silent prayer was held for Irene Canavan who passed away. Ms. Canavan was a Town Meeting member, poll worker and volunteer for the Council of Aging.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of August 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [8-9-21 Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

Councilor Brewer made a motion to approve the August 9, 2021 meeting minutes as printed. Seconded by Councilor C. Alexopoulos.

Roll-call vote: 9-0-0.

Public Comments

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - We will be enforcing the 3 minute rule.

Paul Meoni - Speak this evening regards to Council Order 2021-023, creating the Master Plan Implementation Steering Committee. I know there

has been some discussion about the name but the purpose of the committee is to steer the implementation. It is to fulfill the master plan. Plan that was written by and for the people of Randolph and you all took an oath to the same people. Put what items are related to the work you are doing.

Sandy Cohen - Canton and Sharon implemented indoor masking for any indoor activity even though their caseload is half of our caseload. What is in the works for Randolph given our case numbers.

Town Manager Howard - Short answer is we continue to monitor the data. Part of a larger group that meets and trying to use data to determine when that would be appropriate and necessary. Some communities have chosen to do it. It has been difficult for them to enforce. You have to be driven by data. Brockton did masks in municipal buildings. You should do them or don't do them.

Joe Burke - When are you going to start meeting in person again? Last week I went to Blue Hills meeting and they were live. When are you guys going to come back?

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - I am not sure yet, you are here with us today, watching and listening. I am sure people are watching on RCTV as well. WE afford the opportunity for everyone to ask questions.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos closed public comments

6:30 PM - Public Hearing Continued

Council Order 2021-023: Amendment of the Town Ordinances to Create a Master Plan Implementation Steering Committee

Attachments: [Council Order 2021-023 Re Master Plan Implementation Committee](#)

Councilor Gordon - We did not meet with the subcommittee to discuss this and would like to offer an amendment, the name of the committee - my biggest purpose with his order is to establish a means of the public and people of Randolph to seek out grants from the federal government and I think that the TM concurred that having more eyes on it would be good. I would like to propose an amendment as the "Ad Hoc Steering Committee". Looking for state grants to bring into Randolph

Having a hard time limit would be useful. Would like to change the term to 2 years instead of 3 years. 9/18 and last paragraph.

Would like to call the vote on this tonight. Think they are reasonable changes.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - I am going to rule that out of order, the name is going to be changed and we are changing it to a whole new subject. We have 2021-039 in front of us that deals with grant monies. If you are proposing to change the name I am ruling against that and will not accept that as an amendment.

Town Manager Howard - I think the message is loud and clear. The intent of Councilor Gordon of having input for the grants, what I have been doing is having conversations with the State. We want to balance and making sure community input, surveys so residents can weigh in, will want to have listening sessions so we can have further input on how to best Utilize these funds to move the town forward.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - This is a change around from what is printed before us and that is why.

Councilor Burgess - I don't think the name change is important, I think it's more important to keep as master plan steering committee. I would offer an amendment under duties of the committee. Somewhat says now we want you to look at the master plan book, go out and look in the community and seek out what can be shovel ready. Then when we benefit from those dollars and resources we can have things in front of us. The council should be the voting group of how this money is spent. I would offer that as an amendment if okay with Mr. Gordon.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - If you want to make an amendment to this council order, reduce it to writing and submit for the next meeting. We have had five weeks to get this done.

Councilor Burgess - What section of our rules does that ruling apply?

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - I am not comfortable wordsmithing that this tonight.

Councilor Huff-Larmond - I know you said we will change the name and I feel that the intent of what is written up is to do the work that is in the master plan and oversee the master plan. Where are you going with this that will be helpful. I appreciate town manager saying I am going to have all these tools and will reach out to residents and businesses just so they can have input. Council will vote on this order but appreciate the town manager wanting some input. Input from the residents will help me. I want what the residents want when it comes to understanding how to use this money.

Councilor Clifton - I like some of the ideas that Councilor Burgess is suggesting. We were supposed to have an adhoc meeting and nothing has been done. I think we are going around in circles on a simple matter on who is responsible to name a steering committee.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - Section 15 of our rules to answer Councilor Burgess. Should be reduced to writing upon request of a councilor.

Councilor Burgess - In defense of Councilor Gordon this is the way it was suggested to him to write an order to get his purpose accomplished. I think what we have been saying from the beginning these are two separate things, and we need to implement a steering committee meeting and the council has failed to act on that. This is what suggested to Mr. Gordon to write something to address the ARPA fund issue and putting together a committee. I want to support him on this. I think his position is correct we need to be in the game when the grants come in. Who is going out seeking the monies that are out there that aren't going to be handed to us.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - At the last meeting when this came up the intent changed and I asked that Councilor Clifton, Councilor Burgess, Councilor Huff-Larmond and Councilor Gordon get together before the next meeting and iron things out and that did not happen in that period of time. We have two different things going on here. I understand the ARPA funds and using what is available on our behalf. There are two separate items. Ask that you go back and take a look at this and come back at the next meeting. If you want to do 2 separate orders that is fine. ARPA funds are limited, we don't know what the rules are on it.

Councilor Burgess - All we are asking the master plan implementation is to seek out things that are shovel ready.

Councilor Clifton - The steering committee should concentrate on what it was intended to do which is implementing the contents of the Master Plan. We do not need to conflate the Master Plan with the Federal funds. We can proactively go after funds without a Master Plan steering committee.

Councilor W. Alexopolous - Will need more time than just tonight. Ruling out of order and we will continue. 6:30 on the next agenda.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Howard gave the following update:

- 1) Bring Lisa Clark forward for the new collector/treasurer. Worked in Sharon, 28 years of experience.

Councilor Huff-Larmond - Does she have experience working with diverse communities?

Town Manager Howard - Her answers and understanding of the needs of Randolph were appropriate and we have a very diverse staff in that office. I think we have a good mix. This is a position that every single dollar cycles through that office. The importance of this department are critical and I think she will do an excellent job.

Councilor Burgess - How many people of color, gay were interviewed for this job.

Town Manager Howard - Only if they self-identify. We did have a candidate who self identified. They had no collector experience, not ready to manage the size and scope of that office. We cannot ask that question.

Councilor Burgess - What kind of outreach did we do?

Town Manager Howard - Advertise these positions in the MMA, website, with the Bay State banner. If there are other areas I would love to add them to the list. We tried Indeed but you get 100s of folks that are applying that are not experienced at all.

Councilor Clifton - I think in the past when you are appointing an official to the council to ratify would the person come before the council so we can ask a couple of questions. We need to do more active outreach so that we can achieve more diversity and inclusions and that I am prepared to help. Thank you for using the Bay State Banner but that alone does not constitute adequate outreach. Randolph has about 75% of color and we need to ensure that everyone has an opportunity. I have a difficult time ratifying candidates as heads of departments when I do not have any idea about their history or commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Town Manager Howard - In the 10 years since the change of government we have not done that.

Councilor Clerger - What I heard is she is qualified and she has experience. The town has been hiring the best.

Councilor Huff-Larmond - Qualifications are very important, but let's extent our net so there are more qualified people and it will be diverse.

Councilor C. Alexopoulos made a motion to ratify the appointment of Lisa Clark, seconded by Councilor Clerger.

Roll-call vote: 9-0-0

- 2) Randolph Pack the Pantry 5k November 13th at 10am. If you sign up in advance you get a t-shirt. RICC staff partnering with them to push the event. Nice turnout two years ago and happy they are bringing it back.

Councilor Burgess - In person event because it is running, the town is not saying it can't happen.

Town Manager Howard - They are meeting the standards set out by the CDC.

- 3) Would like to thank Robin and Liz for their hard work in the Artisan Market. Some of the folks will be back for the Harvest Hoopla. Great event. October 23rd is the Harvest Hoopla.
- 4) Give a brief update on the Tri Town water board held today. Councilor W. Alexopoulos was present also. 90% of the design being sent to the state on 10/15. Critical for the funding, however there are two areas of concern, 1) minimal cost, endangered pond mussels so we are required to have a state certified person look at them and 2) MWRA you have to be able to get rid of the residuals and because of PFAs and we are not sure we want to take applications going forward now. If that is the case that would require us to either build a lagoon and do we have the size to build one on site. Tri town is requesting a meeting with the MWRA, DEP and our delegations. Could have significant impact on this project with cost.

Councilor Huff-Larmond - I heard there use to be a door decorating contest.

Town Manager Howard - That was many years ago. It was the Doors of Randolph. I would have to do some research.

Councilor Huff-Larmond - I think we should do it again. Let's talk to Liz. Fun community event.

Councilor Brewer - They are doing the walkways around Crawford Square fountain, it looks great. Are we paving any streets this year?

Town Manager Howard - Waiting to hear back from BETA to make sure the streets do not have any water/sewer work anticipated. I expect to bring a capital plan where we will do some additional paving.

Councilor Brewer - Could we use some of the funds for paving?

Town Manager Howard - That is one of the keys, will this fall into that category. Are they going to give the money to the communities or to the state and they decide how that money is sent out. Still a work in process.

Councilor Clifton - Paving, literally every other block there are huge potholes. I have sent a few pictures to DPW. I know our employees are doing the best they can. Can we escalate our efforts to ensure those potholes are addressed. East Druid Hill wire has been down for a week, tree branches that are across the street. Not sure if the DPW has been on that. It's very dangerous for driving. Someone from Verizon was there and if a tree falls it could be a problem for the area. Close to 146 East Druid. Hoping that can be looked at. Follow up on Sandy Cohen spoke about possible mask mandate. When I go to town hall and I think about employees and I always enter the offices with a mask. Want to give more consideration to ensure that our staff is safe and secure.

Councilor Burgess - How much money to do appropriate for pavement in this year's budget?

Town Manager Howard - at the top of my head I don't have the number.

Councilor Burgess - Asphalt plant closes in November because of the weather. We have not paved in a year and we are waiting until September.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - If you are going to argue like this we are going to be done. There is a pavement management plan in place. When they get done they will get done.

Councilor Burgess - Morgan Street has a pothole. What hasn't been done around the schools, because I got a call from a parent today?

Town Manager Howard - Donovan and the crosswalks in that area have been done. Bright and standing out.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - Donovan, Community Middle school have been taken care are off. If you know the area or street let Brian know.

Councilor Burgess - We have a lot of signs that are down, been hit. One on Grove Street bent back up. Can you speak with the new director and if the DPW sees it pick it up or fix it.

Councilor C. Alexopoulos - Harriet and Pond take a look at those for paving.

Old Business**New Business**

Council Order 2021-038: Request for the Town Council to Initiate an Amendment to the Randolph Zoning Ordinance - Chapter 200 of the General Code of the Town of Randolph - Concerning Requirements for Mixed Use Structures Pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A, Section 5

Attachments: [Proposed Zoning Amendment Re Mixed Use](#)
[Planning Board legal ad](#)

Councilor W. Alexopoulos introduced the order.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos- Redline version has the proposed new language. Would like to forward to Planning and Ordinance to take a look at.

Councilor Clifton made a motion to forward to Planning and Ordinance, seconded by Councilor C. Alexopoulos.

Roll-call vote: 9-0-0 motion passed.

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Council Order 2021-039: Acceptance of FY2022 Grant Monies

Attachments: [Council Order 2021-039 Acceptance of FY 2022 Grant Monies](#)

Councilor W. Alexopoulos read the order into the record.

Town Manager Howard - In speaking with the Finance Director she thought it was important to have these votes in place. Just to ensure we are in compliance.

Councilor Burgess - Would like to make an amendment that after FY2022 it shall read "shall expend those funds in an order submitted to them b y the Town Manager".

Town Manager Howard - A lot of the grants we get are for about \$5k/\$10k and are specific to a purpose. I don't think you want to get into micromanaging. Grants are accounted for within the operating budget. To have an order every time we have a grant is unnecessary. Some grants need town council approval and they go to the council.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - On the amendment do I hear a second? No second was made. Amendment fails for lack of a second.

Councilor C. Alexopoulos made a motion to approve Council Order 2021-039 as written, seconded by Councilor Brewer.

Councilor Clifton - What is the status of the \$20M that we got from the State (2 months ago)?

Town Manager Howard - We are continuing to use Cares Act Funding first before we expend any other funds. There are regulations that they are putting in place. State in addition to the Federal. It will require a plan where a CPA and a legal firm will have to be involved. You not only have to account for the money but account for how they are being spent. Reporting mechanisms that are going to the State and Federal to be qualified. They are also going to want legal opinions that the State and Federal requirements are being met. A lot of these funds you will have to determine that you are in compliance. Best case is 6 to 8 weeks we will be able to do something. I am interested in using the same vendor as Norfolk County. We are still using Cares Act Funding.

Councilor Clifton - We have an issue with certain groups being vaccinated less than other groups. I know the health folks have submitted a proposal targeting the groups but the State has not allowed that to come forward.

Councilor Egan - Are there orders that are similar to this or identical?

Attorney Griffin - In the past individuals grant monies that have been brought to the council. It is best practice to do this but we have not done this in the past. The Finance Director thought it was important that we follow best practices in order to do that and she suggested this order.

Councilor Egan- I am assuming under our Charter and nothing in our rules grants do not need to come before us.

Attorney Griffin - Not by any local rule but under state law we should have a formal acceptance of it.

Councilor Egan - I understand why this came in front of us, it this is the recommendation from the Finance Director I would have liked to see her here but still probably would not have changed my mind for voting on this. I have seen in other communities that grant money has to go in front of council. I don't feel comfortable voting for this. Pre approving anything that I have seen and what it is going towards. I don't want to micro manage at

all, most grants have specific instructions on there it goes. I don't want to be in that at all, not my role here. My role is to approve it and I am not going to approve it before I see it.

Roll-call vote on the motion to approve Council Order 2021-039:

Councilor C. Alexopoulos - Yes
Councilor W. Alexopoulos - Yes
Councilor Brewer - Yes
Councilor Burgess - No
Councilor Clerger - Yes
Councilor Clifton - Yes
Councilor Egan - No
Councilor Gordon - Yes
Councilor Huff-Larmond - Yes

7-2-0 Motion Passes.

Council Order 2021-040: Acceptance of Recommendation for In-Person Early Voting

Attachments: [Council Order 2021-040 Acceptance of Recommendation for In Person Early Voting](#)
[Council Order 2021-040 Letter from Town Clerk](#)
[Town Clerk Letter dated 9-22-21](#)

Town Council Clerk read the letter from Town Clerk/Registrar Sass into the record.

Councilor Burgess - By State law who is responsible for us to for hours?

Attorney Griffin - The statute that was signed it has to be recommend by the Town Clerk/Registrar and approved by the Town Council.

Councilor Burgess - I don't believe we can create our own hours. She makes a recommendation and the council believes it should be 9 to 5. Can we change the hours?

Attorney Griffin - The statute says it has to be on the recommendation of the Town Clerk/Registrar. The statute says you can only hold early in person voting if the early voting is recommended by the Town Clerk/Registrar.

Councilor Clifton - Randolph is a working class community with many front line workers who have to go into Boston to work and 8am to 4:30pm might not be helpful to them. The house should be adjusted.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - It allows for in person voting and absentee ballots.

Councilor Huff-Larmond - My hope is that we will be able to provide days/times that are most beneficial to the town. Does the suggestion of the time have to come from the Registrar. Can we vote on a time that we feel might be best for the residents.

Attorney Griffin - The language of the statute can only be adopted upon the recommendation of the Registrar. If you wanted something else you can continue to the next meeting and then speak with the Registrar.

Councilor Huff-Larmond - If we push this off to the next meeting, in the meantime are changes allowed?

Attorney Griffin - Yes you would have to speak with the clerk.

Councilor Burgess - Move to continue and instruct the Town Manager that these hours are not acceptable to us,

Councilor Clifton - I second the motion.

Councilor Gordon - The Sunday hours, I have been planning to implement "Souls to the Polls", the idea is there is transportation to Town Hall, provided privately. Would like to include October 23rd Saturday. Longer hours on Monday to Friday and on Sunday as well.

Councilor Egan - On the motion I am going to vote no. We have 5,000 people who come out for our town election. I have worked town election before I was a councilor and I think everyone knows when election day is. I don't think the local election warrants early voting. I don't think we need this and I don't think we need it expanded.

Councilor Clerger - Shouldn't we be asking her why she chose those hours. From my understanding she is the one that requested the early voting.

Councilor Huff-Larmond - I would say yes but through my research and my experience there are many people who work during those hours and are unable to vote. I am disappointed that we are not considering the needs of the

Town Manager Howard - I think the councilors will have their own views of what the hours should be, I think people should remember that Early Voting is in place so residents can send an email, you are not. The Town Clerk spoke with towns that used this in the spring and used those

recommendations. I am saying if the Clerk comes back and says okay I will do two more evenings and then 3 of you say that is great and 2 say no. Everything comes down to the resources. The Clerks office is trying to run the Clerk's office and an election. Staffing, overtime, you name it. I have no problem speaking with the Town Clerk about this. There needs to be some general consensus. I would say that turnaround time will be important.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - I agree with you. There are 9 of us here. I see this as an intent not to have early voting. I am not sure what the deadline is. I think it's a bad idea and we are just going to come back with something that we will not agree to in the future. This is what is in front of us. These are the hours she has chosen with whatever knowledge she has used.

Councilor Burgess - This is an opportunity to give our residents one night a week until 8pm.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - So you are saying you want to influence the elections. All meeting has been distractions.

Councilor Gordon - Point of order, take the vote and do the proposed amendment. Accept these hours and then make a recommendation that the TM consult with the Clerk to extend the hours.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - We are not doing that. There is a motion on the floor.

Councilor Burgess - Go back and rework it, our residents deserve more of an opportunity to vote. This is not realistic. Our population deserves the right to cast a ballot.

Roll-call vote on the motion to continue and instruct the Town Manager to speak with the Town Clerk/Registrar:

Councilor C. Alexopoulos - No
Councilor W. Alexopoulos - No
Councilor Brewer - No
Councilor Burgess - Yes
Councilor Clerger - Yes
Councilor Clifton - Yes
Councilor Egan - No
Councilor Gordon - Yes
Councilor Huff-Larmond - Yes

5-4-0 Motion passes

Town manager will speak with the Town Clerk/Registrar.

Attorney Griffin - Confident that the second meeting in September is okay.

Council Order 2021-041: Approval to Place Question on Fall 2021 Town election Ballot concerning Permitting and Prohibiting Certain Marijuana Establishments in the Town of Randolph

Attachments: [Council Order 2021-041 Ballot Question Rec Marijuana \(4\)](#)

Being introduced by Councilor Egan.

Councilor Egan - Simply like the debt exclusion to allow the question on the ballot. I am not asking for a vote tonight. I would like for members to have time to shoot me any questions and get it on for the ballot. Remove the ban on recreational marijuana in all forms except for retail. Currently we have medical marijuana that is legal in Randolph in all forms but we do have a prohibition on all forms of recreational marijuana. This would give residents to approve or deny. Still prohibit marijuana retailer. I would be open to add retail if that is what councilors would like.

It would be for the Fall 2021 election ballot, it would be to place it on the ballot.

Councilor Brewer - I think in the beginning when his whole thing came around everyone was afraid of retail marijuana but since then many towns have adopted it and have been making some serious money. Wareham is building a new public safety complex. Middleboro has 9 host agreements. There is delivery so if we don't adopt this they will be delivering it to Randolph residents. I think Randolph voters should have another shot of this, I would be in approval if we add retail to it.

Councilor Burgess - This proposal on the ballot would expand what is allowed, the question on retail is separate.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - When the State approved it we approved it and then we had an election that banned it and now we are looking to allow it again.

Councilor Burgess - Point of information, that was not a zoning order. The initial Gilbert order was to prohibit the sale not a zoning order.

Attorney Griffin - There is currently a zoning prohibition for the use of retail marijuana sales. This would be going to the voters amending the sale of marijuana. This would give you the ability to issue special permits and try

different zoning.

Councilor Burgess - If we don't do anything the business regardless of zoning can operate anywhere in the town that is a business district.

Attorney Griffin - You will have to take another vote either way. If the public votes in favor of this and the council takes no action there will be no change. Nothing will go into effect until the council amends for it in particular districts.

Councilor Gordon - I was wondering about the state licensing for medical and retail. Is it different. Could we make two ballot questions one saying growing and the other saying retail and then leave it up to the people of Randolph.

Attorney Griffin - My understanding is that all medical has been the health department and the retail is the cannabis control commission.

Councilor Huff-Larmond - We have two sites in Randolph in getting individuals to open up around medical. Will we have better success if we change to recreational.

Councilor Egan - I personally believe so. They are two different markets. Rich talked about the number of stores in each community. The reason I did it was to be more conservative and if it's the council wants to be more inclusive I would be totally for that. This is a great opportunity for us having growing, manufacturing and testing facilities. If we want to do retail I would be for that. To keep up with the 9 stores where are they going to grow it, manufacture it. If we can open ourselves up to that. I think it's two separate markets, I think it will fill up our industrial parks. I think it's a good way for us to make income.

Councilor Huff-Larmond - What does it will be delivered to us what does that mean.

Councilor Brewer - If someone wanted to order something from Middleboro they can deliver it to someone in Randolph and we get no benefit. We have a chance to make money on it. We want all these things and I think this is a great avenue to create revenue.

Councilor Clifton - Do you have any data that indicates what kind of financial impact it will have on our community.

Councilor Egan - 3% and then addition to that you can implement a local tax on retail. Under this ballot question that would not apply to the

businesses. I can find examples where there are growth and cultivating. They are taking over places in industrial parks and giving an opportunity to add businesses in. We are bringing them in and they will make the investments and will be regulated on how they handle their facilities. I think we would be a great location for both.

Councilor Clifton - look forward to getting the data on grow only. I think the money is in the retail sales. I was at a loss that the order did not have retail.

Councilor Clerger - I am not a fan of recreational marijuana. If it is to put in front of the voters I will vote for it. I am in favor of putting it in the hands of the voters to choose what they want to see. If it's only grow and cultivate that means it won't be retail sales so how are we going to make money on it really besides the rental of the location. Where is the money going to come from for the town.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - Increased valuation of the property. People working there they will buy products from local businesses. Just like Milton CAT or any other manufacturing that have come in. That is where the town would make its money.

Councilor Brewer - We put zoning in place that were difficult. It was a decision the council did. If you want more marijuana facilities you need to do zoning requirements. It does not make sense to me and I will ask that the town attorney make the amendment to this to add retail to this. You need to make a good host agreement. We are not going to make our money with people buying pot. I encourage it to go before the voters if there is an amendment to allow the council to regulate marijuana retail, grow, cultivate, medical.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - Does the council want retail marijuana as well? Rich, Ken, Jim have said retail. If that is the case then Ryan get together with Christine and put it together and bring forward at the next meeting. We want the information and the amendment and that is what we are going to get.

Council Order 2021-042: Debt Authorization - Contingent Upon Approval of a Debt Exclusion and Approval to Place Debt Exclusion Ballot Question on the Fall 2021 Town of Randolph Regular Municipal Election Ballot

Attachments: [Council Order 2021-042 Lyons - New Elementary School - Debt Exclusion](#)

Councilor W. Alexopoulos took Council Order 2021-042 out of order:

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - For the new Lyons school to be constructed at

the former Devine School property at 55 Old street. The school planning and building has been meeting for several years. This project has been going on for about 4 years. We have an election in November and this is our opportunity to put a debt exclusion on the ballot. There will be a presentation on 9/23 and there will be a joint meeting and the council can ask their questions and obtain their answers. WE can vote on it at that meeting or another meeting to place this question on the ballot in November.

Town Manager Howard - It was written as an order tonight bond counsel may require an authorization vote before the ballot question in November. We will continue to work with bond council and MSBA and determine if it has to happen in that fashion or not. This is just a place holder. The school committee joint meeting will be streamed so everyone has access to that meeting.

Councilor Gordon - Can you say what time for 9/23? I have been following this issue and a vote tonight would be fine but doing it on 9/23 is fine also.

Attorney Griffin - You cannot vote on it tonight because it needs to be on two meetings. That is why it is on tonight's meeting so it meets those requirements.

Councilor Gordon - Commend the school committee on their work for this.

Councilor Burgess - Public meeting on the 23rd people can come to that meeting?

Town Manager Howard - We will have to talk to the chair and see if zoom only.

Councilor Burgess - It mentions Lyons, do we have to make sure that those other two names are in the original vote and on the ballot question.

Attorney Griffin - The MSBA asked us to use the name for the project as Lyons school, that may be updated depending on what the MSBA determines. It does not have anything to do with what the school will be called.

Councilor Burgess - As long as the school committee complies with the original order of the council, is there somewhere that says they have to. Charles Devine and Margaret Lyons.

Attorney Griffin - This will change the amount of money to be spent, but nothing overrides your other votes on how the project will proceed.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - Continue until 9/23 when we have our joint meeting.

Councilor Clifton - I am hoping whatever we do that there will be an opportunity for the residents, including the Lyons School community to get a chance to express their views and give their feedback in terms of what direction they should go in. I know these meetings have not been followed because of technical reasons. It's important for them to have an opportunity to express their views on this important project.

Councilor Huff-Larmond - I think it will be convenient for the zoom meetings. How can we advertise this meeting and hope for a good turnout. To make sure the Lyons school people are there. We should take the time

Town Manager Howard - I will be meeting with the super. And I will make sure on the school side she gets the word out as best she can and we will use our email and social media. The government has to be careful on ballot questions and how the media is used. Rules have to be followed in a certain way.

Councilor Burgess - We have not had that discussion, what it's going to cost and what it's going to cost the taxpayers. It does not diminish our commitment on having an honest conversation on the cost of this project.

Councilor W. Alexopolous - We will be discussing this again on 9/23 with the school committee.

Resolution 2021-002: Resolution regarding Council Order 2021-036
Concerning Trash Disposal and Adopt a Street Program

Attachments: [Resolution 2021-002 Adopt a Street Program](#)
[Resolution 2021-002 Adopt a Street Program J Gordon Amendments](#)

Councilor Gordon - My last clause is not legal. Adopt a street program in conjunction with the new ordinance on trash. This is to include that businesses and organizations can have a adopt sign in the area they are responsible for. Randolph does Adopt an Island program. There are a bunch all around town. That is through the garden club. Want to use the same signs.

Councilor Brewer - Are you planning on the waiver of the fines, I am not for letting someone who was fined have a chance to work it off. The signs are worth about \$100 a piece. If Gerry Cody goes out and fines someone, so by the time they get a violation I think they should pay the fine. Beacon

Properties off of High Street, all kinds of problems. Are we going to give them the opportunity to pick up High Street and everything is good. I don't think so.

Councilor Gordon - It is the same clause that is now allowed by state law.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - If someone gets fined for something else that has nothing to do with trash I want the same kind of program. I would rather see an Adopt a Street program on its own. We will deal with the fines on trash. If there are residents that want to adopt a street to keep their neighborhoods clean we should allow them to in some kind of fashion.

Councilor Huff-Larmond - I like the adopt a street program. Does this mean on 7-11 they have a parcel that is usually unkept does that mean that a business and/or organization could adopt that parcel, keep it clean and then a sign would be placed there. Earlier someone mentioned that is expense and I am wondering about that. Who pays for the signs on the islands.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - Part of the fee that is collected for adopt an island. Part of the fee is used to make the sign.

Councilor Clifton - If a business adopts a street who is going to do the work of keeping it clean and is there any issue with liability?

Councilor Gordon - The business/organization/resident takes on the work themselves. The model that the State uses addresses those issues. Acton addressed that and I can provide some details. The town provides training and training equipment. I would be very happy to separate from the trash ordinance.

Attorney Griffin - We looked at other towns. Organized by the town, does training and provides equipment and signed liability waivers.

Councilor Burgess - What is your definition of messy. South Street and you go in and cut down something that is not yours. We have that issue to deal with.

Councilor Clerger - Its only about cleaning it, make sure not trashy. If I decide I am adopting a street and there are potholes in it what do I do.

Councilor Gordon - Nothing. That is not part of the program.

Councilor W. Alexopoulos - I hear about cleaning up private businesses, I don't know what the legality is about going into someone's property doing

that. When I hear adopt a street I think a street not private property. It has to be specified, if it's adopt a street it's a street not private property.

Councilor Gordon - This is all about public property.

Council W. Alexopoulos - I am all for it, great advertisting for businesses, it's good PR, good community relations. I think it needs to be separated out as long as the right provisions are in there so people don't get hurt and thereis no liability to the town.

Councilor Gordon - I would like to bring it back to the town attorney and go through with all the issues raised and I will propose it again at the next meeting.

Correspondence

Council Comments

Councilor C. Alexopoulos - Thanks the Elks for putting together the 9/11 memorial the other day. A little more notice would have been better. It's amazing that it has been 20 years it feels like yesterday.

Councilor Clifton - Congratulate Fabian Thames, on being named Week 1 Football defensive player of the week for American International College. Congratulate him and his family. Harbor One Bank continues to be very responsive to the community and last week they donated \$10K to Mattapan Tech to support the Haiti Earthquake relief. Commend the Turner Free Library on the donation drive to collect medical supplies, emergency equipment and retailed items for the citizens of Haiti. RHS Blue Devils Soccer team defeated Middleboro 3 to 2. Want to congratulate them. They lost to Plymouth South today 3 to 2 by penalties.

Councilor Clerger - Thanking a few churches and residents for their relief effort for Haiti. Unitedrandolph@gmail.com [<mailto:Unitedrandolph@gmail.com>](mailto:Unitedrandolph@gmail.com) for more information. Concerned Citizens of Randolph is about to celebrate their 4th anniversary.

Councilor Egan - Sunday was the last Artisans Fair that the rec department put on. Had the opportunity to attend. Very well done, great vendors, lots of great stuff. Give a big shout out to Liz and Robin and the RICC staff who made it happen.

Councilor Gordon - The Lyons school item that I wanted to get in, Wednesday 9/15 at 1pm open to the public. There are materials on the website. I would ask the Town Manager to post the plan on the front page

of the website. The pot hole challenge you can see the results on www.jessejordan.com/streets. My purpose is to see how much should we contribute to our next budget to get the pot holes fixed.

Councilor Brewer - If the DPW cannot get 100 potholes done before winter then we are going to be in sad shape. Thank all of our first responders across the nation. God bless the red, white and blue. Emotional weekend and it takes a lot out of everyone.

Councilor Huff-Larmond - Autumn Lantern Festival was wonderful. I am really excited about this new plan around community policing. Spring of Water once again lended a hand to help those in Haiti because of the earthquake. Have been doing a lot of work on redistricting.

Adjournment

Councilor Clerger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Roll-call vote: 7-0-0 (Councilor Burgess and Councilor Clerger had left the meeting).

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15p.m.

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